



Mental Health Funding & Policy Committee
Meeting Minutes
February 18, 2009

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Attendants: Larry Poaster, Tom Greene, Rusty Selix, Patricia Ryan, Stephanie Welch, Wayne Clark, Richard Van Horn, Dede Ranahan, Mark Heilman, Ann Arneil-Py, Kirsten Barlon, Stacey Hiramoto, Janet King, Beatrice Lee, Delphine Brody, Teresa Pasquini, Annis Pereyra, Carol Hood, Rose King, Susan McCrea, Allison Homewood, Laurel Benhamida, Sheri Whitt, Beverly Whitcomb, Filomena Yeroshek, Matt Lieberman, Vivian Lee, Monika Grass, Luis Rodriguez, Janna Lowder (staff)

Agenda Item	Discussion/	Action	Individual Responsible
I. Welcome / Introductions	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Both Co-Chairs extended a warm welcome to all attendees. ➤ Introductions occurred for all the meeting participants. 		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Tom Greene, Larry Poaster
II. Review and Approval of January Meeting Minutes	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Richard Van Horn motioned for the minutes to be approved and Dede Ranahan seconded the motion. ➤ Minutes from the January Committee Meeting were approved. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Richard Van Horn, Dede Ranahan ➤ Tom Greene
III. Financial Framework	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Brief description of what the Commission will be expecting in the financial framework report. ➤ Items to be included in the framework: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Revenues (current & projected) - The Big Four Funding Sources - Dollars Committed - Dollars transferred from the State to Counties - Dollars expended at the local level 		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Tom Greene

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Discussion on the February Commission meeting presentation. This presentation will include a description of what the Commission should expect to see in the completed template, where the information will be attained from, and how frequently the information will be updated. ➤ Discussion on correctly defining all the items included within the framework (i.e., Planning Estimate, Commitment, Approved Plan, etc.) ➤ Discussion about the necessity of knowing how the dollars are being used at the county level. ➤ The number of individuals being served by an FSP, what an FSP is really doing, and what is being spent on all programs by each county is information which should be available to the public. ➤ Discussion on the accountability of counties and what is currently being reported. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Counties report on their expenditures to DMH. - The 09/10 annual update should include the number of individuals being served. - Some counties post the numbers being served to their websites. ➤ The information that the department has includes: detailed planning estimates, by component, by year, detailed information on FSPs, and the revenue and expenditure report. ➤ FY 08/09: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - \$3.3 billion in planning estimates - \$1.9 billion in approved plans - \$1.4 billion not yet approved or not yet submitted for approval ➤ Discussion on the cost reports submitted to DMH. ➤ Discussion on the Statewide databases, county reporting and availability of this data. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Identify the information within the cost reports and report back to the Committee 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Committee Discussion ➤ Teresa Pasquini ➤ Committee Discussion ➤ Committee Discussion ➤ Mark Heilman ➤ Committee Discussion
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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ At the macro-level, desired information for a financial framework: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - The dollars coming into the MHSA fund - Dollars in the planning estimates - Dollars given to counties - Reversion dollars ➤ A subgroup could be developed to look at this issue of what data is available, then bring this information to the Committee. ➤ Included in this work group could be Rusty Selix, Ann Arneil-Py, Pat Ryan, a MHSA coordinator and a DMH representative with an accounting background. ➤ MHSOAC Staff, DMH and consultants could possibly collect all necessary information prior to the formation of a work group. Staff would need to work with DMH to identify what is being collected, what are the required reports and have examples of each report. ➤ Continued discussion on the workgroup and who would participate. Suggested participants were Ann Arneil-Py, Rusty Selix, Don Kingdon, Stacey Hiramoto, Dede Ranahan and Marti Johnson. ➤ Discussion on the amount of reporting currently being done by counties and clarification that the gathering of the discussed data will not put additional demands on counties. ➤ Suggested that this discussion can be continued at the Communications Roundtable which is in the process of being rescheduled. ➤ Time for public comment was provided. Multiple individuals commented on the importance of tracking how counties are utilizing the MHSA funds, the importance of providing the public with up-to-date information, etc. 		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Larry Poaster ➤ Pat Ryan ➤ Rusty Selix ➤ Tom Greene ➤ Committee Discussion ➤ Public Comment
IV. Stakeholder Presentation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Stacie Hiramoto handed out a REMHDCO policy statement and 		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Stacie Hiramoto

<p>- REMHDCO</p> <p>- Center for Reducing Health Disparities (CRHD)</p> <p>- Cultural Brokers</p>	<p>discussed who REMHDCO is and REMHDCO's position on flexibility and the multi tiered system.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Sergio Aguilar-Gaxiola handed out copies of a PowerPoint and discussed the recommendations regarding disparities. ➤ Janet King, with Native American Health Center, provided the Committee with a history on how the Cultural Brokers was formed in collaboration with DMH. Recommendations were provided which included, cultural brokers being a part of every decision making body and that cultural brokers should be used as consultants and advocates. ➤ Beatrice Lee, with California Community Health for Asian Americans (CCHAA), provided a description of the work which completed over the past year and presented on the continuum of care. ➤ Time for Public Comment was provided. Multiple individuals, on the phone and in person, presented their comments to the Committee. Topics discussed varied from flexibility, the multi-tiered system, participation in committees, etc. 		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Sergio Aguilar-Gaxiola ➤ Janet King ➤ Beatrice Lee ➤ Public comment
<p>V. Policy Recommendations</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Discussion on FAQs and what progress has been made. ➤ CMHDA has compiled some of the basic questions that they would like DMH to address within the FAQs. These were sent to DMH on 2/17/09 as suggestions. A description of these questions was provided. ➤ Discussion on flexibility and the requirement to still comply with the core values of the MHSA. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - All MHSA funded programs must be able to deliver MHSA services. - Lack of the FAQs/clarification may lead counties to layoff professional staff to create savings. ➤ Completed FAQs do not need to go through the Commission approval 		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Committee Discussion ➤ Stephanie Welch ➤ Committee Discussion

	<p>process. Once DMH has completed the FAQs, they'll be posted.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Discussion on the Federal Stimulus package and its impact on California. ➤ Discussion on the March Commissioner Strategic Planning Meeting. ➤ Discussion on the diversion of funds, the ballot initiative, and the impact of possible legislation. 		
VI. Adjournment			